

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, March 2, 2009 7 p.m.
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

BOS Meeting 7pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS-Tom Borelli

1. OPEN FORUM

~Chief Ferguson-announced gift from the Manzella family of a CO2 monitor and an anonymous gift of GPS unit to the Fire Dept.

~Selectman Zupkofska announced an anonymous gift of a defibrillator to the senior center

2. Executive Session Minutes-NA

3. Open Session Minutes-February 17, 2009

~Motion to accept by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0

4. Open Session Minutes-January 7, 2008 (Simpson, Chaffee and Zupkofska)

~Motion to accept as amended by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 3-0-2(O'Brien and Johnson).

5. Open Session Minutes-January 22, 2008 (Simpson & Chaffee)

~Motion to accept by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Simpson passed 2-0-3 (Zupkofska, Johnson and O'Brien).

Item #12-Taken out of order

12. Melinda Learning Esten School Book

Melinda Learning and 5 students of the Esten School read portion of a book regarding the establishment of the Esten School environmental project in the courtyard. The students read aloud portions of the book presented to the BOS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. Trench Regulations-tabled 2.17.09

Mr. Ruble Building Inspector requested approval of trench regulations.

~Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 5-0.

Congratulations offered to Mr. Ruble for passing the Legal/Management Module Exam towards completing his State Building Inspector's License.

Item #11- Taken out of order

- 11. Appointments of Police Department Permanent Intermittents**
Chief Llewellyn appointed 10 PIs. Officer Eramo reviewed the process involved in selecting the 10 appointments out of a pool of 32 candidates. The 10 appointed were: Brian D. Murphy, James J. McLaughlin, Joseph H. Rogers Jr., Keith Brodeur, Jeffrey A. Direnzo, Joseph F. Esposito Jr., John F. Golojuch, David T. Langill, Sean B. O'Connor, and John M. Rafferty. All were sworn in by Town Clerk Mary Pat Kaszanek.
- 7. N/A**
- 8. Charter Study**
BOS voted 5-0 to establish a 7 member Charter Study & Review Commission. The BOS received 5 applicants to the commission. The BOS voted 5-0 to appoint all 5 applicants to the study commission. Appointed were Kelli O'Brien-McKinnon, Dawn Kane, John Ellard, Jared Valanzola, and Keven Pratt. Selectman Johnson appointed as liaison to the Commission
- 9. Overlay Accounts-Meeting with Board of Assessors**
Chairman of the Board of Assessors Harvey Smith, Dennis Robson and Joseph Gibbons made a presentation regarding the status of Rockland's Overlay Accounts. \$20,000 is available now and the review is continuing.

Item #14 -Taken out of order

- 14. Appointments-Fence Viewer, Council on Aging**
Andy Triantafellow spoke regarding fence viewers and wetlands.
~Motion to appoint Mr. Triantafellow alternate fence viewer by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien, passed 5-0.
~Motion to CORI check Council on Aging applicants by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska, passed 5-0.

Item #13-taken out of order

- 13. Tax Collector Lisa Clark -Soft Right Presentation**
Tax collector Lisa Clark made a presentation regarding the change from Munis to SoftRight for our municipal financial software. The new system will help resolve some of the recommendations of the Auditor's report.

Item #17 Taken out of order

- 17. South Shore Package Store License transfer**

- ~Motion by Mr. Chaffeeto open hearing, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska, passed 5-0.
Discussion regarding TIPS training. New owners are TIPS trained.
~Motion to close hearing by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.
~Motion to approve transfer by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Johnson, passed 5-0.
10. Draft STM/TM Warrant (ZBA and Planning Board closes March 4, 2009)
Update on warrant to date. Mr. Zupkofska proposed articles to be distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Fast Lane- Tabled
16. Article for Non Criminal Disposition
Discussion regarding the enforcement of by-laws the town has developed over the years and the ability of the town to enforce the bylaws either through fines or by issuing warnings. Atty. Clifford discussed the procedure available to the town.
18. N/A
19. N/A
20. “Best Practices” Streamlined Permitting
Discussion of implementation of friendly attitude towards businesses. Ledger and Enterprise editorials had praised the town for forward thinking.
29. Town Administrator’s Report
~South Shore Vocational Toll Booth request- Motion by Mr. Chaffee to table, 2nd by Ms. O’Brien to table until Chief Llewelyn reviews, passed 5-0.
~Email regarding opposing the town wide posting of tax delinquents.
~Updated the BOS regarding BAT bus service and surveys.

SELECTMAN’S COMMENTS

~during the Selectman’s comments Mr. Chiocca made a presentation of Plymouth County communities and the average single family tax bill, as well as the comparative per capita expenditures.
~ request to have a Special Town Meeting in order to file legislation reset the tax rate, file an amended 4th quarter bill or take any action relative thereto to regain the amount possible of the \$637,543.51 excess tax levy.
~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Johnson to have a STM on March 23rd at 7:30 pm at the Rockland HS, passed 5-0.
~Motion by Mr. Chaffee to declare the warrant open and to close the warrant on March 9th, passed 5-0.

~Motion by Mr. Chaffee to hold a meeting on March 9, 2009 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

~Motion to go into Executive Session by Mr. Simpson 2nd by Mr. Chaffee for the purpose of negotiations, collective bargaining, and litigation, and to adjourn afterwards, passed by roll call vote 5-0.

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

Lawrence J. Chaffee, Vice Chairman
Board of Selectmen

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